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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Katherine W. Mitchell	3677	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3,5 and 7-10, and 21- 28, and 30 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 21- 28, and 30 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3,5 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. The request filed on 10/30/2007 for a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. Any previous finality is hereby withdrawn and a new action on the merits follows. Any newly-submitted claims have been added. An action on the RCE follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-3,5,7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has a mandrel with a stem, said stem having a 1st portion with generally constant reduced diameter, and 2nd portion with generally constant diameter (thus the larger diameter). Then the claim requires the mandrel to also have a head with a breakneck adjacent the 2nd portion (the larger diameter portion). This would be OK, except it then requires the head to have a shoulder portion tht is adjacent to the 1st portion (thus inevitably, the head must be adjacent the 1st portion, since the head's shoulder is). Examiner has drawn this out and cannot come up with any scenario where this is possible.

Examiner apologizes, but she cannot understand how this is possible. Needless to say if it is explained (informal drawing in the response correlating to claim, etc) then

any subsequent action will NOT be final and the limitations will be addressed with art or allowed, but at present examiner considers the claim unexaminalbe since she can't see how it could exist. Claims 2--3,5,7-10 are rejected as depending from claim 1.

Response to Arguments

4. Examiner has reviewed amended claim 21 with respect to Palm, USP 5183357, and agrees with applicant that Palm cannot read on the claim, as Palm requires a tapered circular surface, and applicant now requires both a stem with a reduced diameter section with a generally constant circular cross section, AND the same stem to have a break neck portion. Other than picking and choosing features using impermissible hindsight, examiner cannot see a motivation to modify Palm to read on amended claim 21.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 21- 28 and 30 are allowed.

6. Note that the claims to the method of making a product were restricted by original presentation in the office action of 10/16/2006, and have been subsequently cancelled by applicant. IF applicant wishes, the restriction will be lifted, and examiner will permit them to be rejoined as long as they depend on the allowed product of claim 21, pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(B). Note that they must be "new" claims, with new claim numbers, since the original claims were cancelled, but if they are added as new claims depending from allowed claim 21, examiner will rejoin them.

Conclusion

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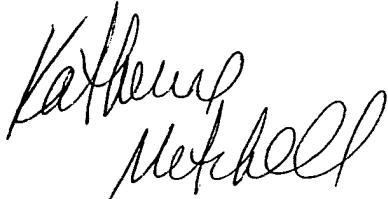
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Katherine W. Mitchell whose telephone number is 571-272-7069. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs 10 AM - 8 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on 571-272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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12/19/2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine W. Mitchell".